THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, the All India Newspaper Employees Federation's and the National Federation of Newspaper Employees' representations for interim relief have been sent to the Wage Board for appropriate action.

All India Survey on Bonded Labour and Child Labour

812. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to undertake an All India Survey on bonded labour and child labour in the country to curb this menace;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir. However, the States having concentration of Child labour and bonded labour have been advised to undertake survey.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Survey on bonded labour is done by the State Governments through their existing agencies. Census of India 1991 contains information about child labour also.

Problems of unorganised labour

813. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:
CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of problems of the unorganised labour in each State and how Government propose to solve them;

(b) whether Government have prepared or propose to formulate any programme for providing welfare and social security cover to the unorganised labour; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Unorganised labour accounts for about 90% of the national work-force and is widely dispersed across the country. Landless agricultural workers, workers in building and construction industry, beedi making, handlooms, tanneries, transport and various small scale manufacturing, processing and servicing industries are the major constituents. Uncertainty of employment, lack of bargaining power, low levels of productivity and wages, dependence for consumption credit etc. are some of the major problems faced by this sector.

(b) and (c) The National Commission on Rural Labour have made a number of recommendations to ameliorate the economic, social and living conditions of unorganised rural labour. A Committee of 13 State Labour Ministers has been constituted for examining these recommendations with regard to